



"No. 33" Committee Reports, Is Thanked

The committee to study the project of raising funds for the "building next door" project, under the chairmanship of Will Yolen, has completed its report and presented it to the Board of Governors.

The report, in the nature of a preliminary study of the problems involved and offering a series of recommendations, was received with a vote of thanks by the Board.

It made the following points:

1) The campaign should be made in the form of a drive to provide a "world press center" in New York which the new and enlarged quarters envisioned will permit.

2) Dickson Hartwell, who was one of the leaders in the original drive for the present building, has written a "preamble" which can set the tone for such a new drive. This preamble states "the World Press Center...provides a nucleus of informed opinion" and "will be a

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AIR OF REVOLUTION: CALM AND TEETOTALING

"Havana was so calm you wouldn't know there had been a revolution," says Bill Glover, AP staffer just returned from the Cuban capital.

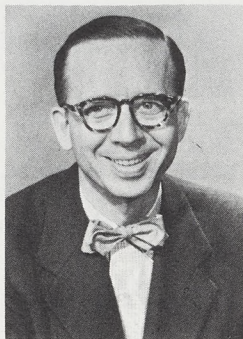
Glover reports that the few soldiers in sight were polite and ready to help with directions or information.

"Some even stopped what they were doing when asked directions and escorted the questioner to his destination," he said.

No soldiers were permitted to buy liquor, he added.

When Glover asked several Cubans if they thought Castro would establish a democratic regime, they replied in effect that "We don't know, we are going to give him a chance."

He entered Havana along with more



GLOVER

than 300 correspondents from nineteen countries as guests of Castro. The special press cards issued to these guests, he said, gained access to places refused to some members of the regular press corps. Glover's card took him into the prison where the Castro forces were holding some of the men from the Batista regime and also into the Presidential Palace.

Glover said there was no censorship of dispatches.

MATTHEWS HITS COVERAGE

The N.Y. Times' Herbert L. Matthews called American press coverage of recent Cuban events "one of the great failures of American journalism in my time."

Matthews, speaking at a luncheon at the OPC on Jan. 22, said "In my thirty-five years of writing, I have never seen such a bad job as in the last three weeks" of the reports of Cuban developments by the wire services, newspapers and magazines in the U.S.

Of victorious rebel leader Fidel Castro, Matthews said "He is the opposite of what American people think he is today," and termed the week's Time and Life covers portraying Castro "a libel."

Matthews, who won the OPC George Polk Memorial Award for his stories in 1957 on Castro's rebel movement, spoke out against the coverage given to Castro's executions of Batista henchmen and the lack of news stories on other important developments in that country. He termed our coverage "one of ignor-

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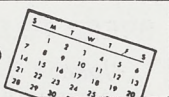
CASSIDY TO RFE

Henry Cassidy was named consultant to the director of Radio Free Europe, it was announced this week by Thomas H. Brown, Jr., director of the privately-supported organization that broadcasts daily to the satellite countries of East Europe.

Cassidy will work in New York. His main area of responsibility will be the coverage of events of special interest to Radio Free Europe audiences in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria and Romania, Brown said. He will also assist the program manager in the development of special projects and new programs in the general area of news and special events. Cassidy is OPC Vice President.

JOY THESE DATES ON YOUR

CALENDAR



Thurs., Feb. 5 - Open House - Foreign Correspondents from Fourteen Countries Resident in U.S. Reception, 6:15; dinner, 7:00; discussion, 8:00 p.m.

The newsmen recently completed a tour of the U.S. under auspices of the Ford Foundation. This will be the first public report of their reaction to the tour and will be included in the report published on the Ford Foundation project.

Reservations, please.

(See story, page 7.)

Tues., Feb. 10 - Regional Dinner: Monte Carlo Mardi Gras. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

Reservations, for member and one guest each, at OPC. \$4.00 per person.

Wed., Feb. 11 - OPC Film Preview - "The Journey." Preview Dinner from 6:00 p.m. Film, 8:30 p.m.

The film, starring Deborah Kerr and Yul Brynner, is the realistic story of Hungarian refugees filmed in Austria. Anatole Litvak, the producer, will

be guest at the dinner at the OPC.

Reservations for dinner and/or film at OPC. The dinner is \$3.00 per person. The preview is free, but there will be no admittance without tickets. One guest per member. (See announcement, page 2.)

Thurs., Feb. 12 - London Correspondents' Reunion. Cocktails, 6:00 p.m. Dinner, 7:15 p.m.

All correspondents who have served in London, as well as all members of the OPC are welcome.

Reservations now at OPC. \$4.00 per person. (See story, page 3.)

Thurs., Feb. 19 - Luncheon - Samuel C. Waugh, President, Export-Import Bank of Washington. 12:30 p.m.

Reservations, please.

(Watch for further details.)

Wed., Feb. 25 - West Point Night. Reception, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

The Superintendent, the Commander and other leading officers of the U.S. Military Academy will be OPC guests at the gala dinner. Reservations are \$4.00 per person. One guest per member.

(Watch for further details.)



OVERSEAS TICKER



MOSCOW

Correspondents in Moscow are still getting most of the big news from the outside. This is a result of the Soviet government's practice of releasing major stories abroad via TASS or Moscow Radio before making them available to correspondents in Moscow.

Gets mighty frustrating, the U.S. correspondents say, to be on the inside looking out to know what's going on inside.

Those who are facing this situation for the first time along with a continued siege of cold weather are Gus Svensson from Stockholm replacing Roy Essoyan and Abe Goldberg from New York, replacing Angelo Natale (who goes to New Haven), all APers. Howard Sochurek, Life photographer, is back from Paris and New York for another indefinite stay after a break of more than two months. Bob Gibson of McGraw-Hill replaced Bill Coughlin, who has returned to London.

Time-Life's Ed Stevens is back from a quick trip to Romania and a look around after ten years.

Osgood Caruthers is settling himself into his new job as bureau chief for the N.Y. Times. He recently arrived from Cairo.

Burobin, the Soviet foreign ministry agency which looks after the needs of diplomats and journalists, has opened a shooting and fishing lodge about fifty miles from Moscow but most American newsmen, trying to get their hands on the elusive news breaks, are so far too busy to use it.

However, N.Y. Times-man Max Frankel and German Press Service correspondent Brant Neilson did have time to take out after rabbits on a recent week end. They trekked over deep snow mile after mile without seeing hide nor hair of one.

And this is the time of the year for the Intourist Hotels to voice their annual warnings that all correspondents are being booted out into apartments or non-Intourist hotels to make room for more tourists. But nobody is taking it too seriously.

Harold K. Milks

PARIS

Africa is becoming the focus of greater attention these days. Agence France Presse's English-language world news services, which hitherto have concentrated on the Far East, Scandinavia, U.S., Australia and the Commonwealth, have been expanding to new clients in Africa — Liberia, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa and Nigeria. Blair Clark, CBS, formerly in the Paris bureau, stopped over here enroute to a two-month assign-

ment in Africa for CBS TV and radio and magazines.

David Schoenbrun, CBS Paris bureau chief, has returned from a lecture tour across the U.S. and an appearance on the year-end program.

Bernard Kaplan, Montreal Star, became the proud father of a post-Christmas baby son, his first, named Charles — "not after deGaulle," he adds.

Emmet F. Riordan, TWA PRO, hosted a party in honor of TWA President Charles S. Thomas and PR Vice President Gordon Gilmore.

Douglas Lachance, CBC bureau chief, has taken four months of home leave to realize a long-planned dream of advanced study at Oxford.

Lionel Durand, back from skiing at Meribel, has been promoted to bureau chief for Newsweek.

Crosby Noyes, Washington Star, returned from assignment in Berlin and Bonn.

Bernard S. Redmont

LONDON

The U.S. press corps in London turned out in large numbers Jan. 21 for a lunch given by the London Foreign Press Ass'n. for Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

A galaxy of diplomats were among the 450 guests who turned out for the lunch at the Dorchester Hotel.

Turning to today's activities in London, Graham Hovey has just arrived here to open a bureau for the Minneapolis Star-Tribune. Hitherto, the Star-Tribune has not had permanent representation in London.

A recent bird of passage was Milton Bracker of the N.Y. Times. Bracker spent a few days in England before shoving off on a six-months' tour of duty in what he calls "sub-Sahara" Africa.

W. Bradley (Brad) Connors, the U.S.

Embassy's public affairs chief, returns to duty Feb. 1. Connors has been on a combination of sick and home leave since October, wrestling with an attack of pleurisy.

Succeeding Julius A. Cohn in London for Fairchild Publications is James W. Brady of the Washington office. Cohn arrived in Moscow Jan. 19 and if he gets permanent accreditation he will set up a bureau there.

Joseph W. Grigg

BONN

Kurt Lachmann, U.S. News & World Report, was elected President of the Foreign Press Ass'n. of Germany at its annual meeting Jan. 22. He succeeds Mogens Barfoed, Berlingske Tidende, Copenhagen.

Jess Lukomski, Business Int'l., was elected Secretary and your correspondent AP, a member of the Board.

Herb Altschull

TICKETS FOR FILM PREVIEWS

Because of the limited space in the preview theaters and the fact that often uninvited guests in the past have deprived members of seats, from now on no one will be admitted without tickets according to Joe Peters, chairman of the External Activities Committee.

Members are urged to make reservations for the previews and pick up their tickets at the OPC the day before the preview date. Unclaimed tickets will be given to other members on the waiting list. Unless otherwise announced tickets are limited to one guest per member.

BREED TO PHILA. INQUIRER

Joseph B. Breed has been appointed an associate editor of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

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LONDON REUNION ON FEB. 12

English ale and American memories are expected to flow in equally copious quantities at the London Correspondents Reunion to be held Feb. 12 at the OPC.

The ale (Whitebread's) will be "on the house," courtesy of Van Munching & Co., the New York importers. The "I Remember When" stories will be free, too, courtesy of such old London hands as *Edward R. Murrow*, *Quentin Reynolds* and *Fred Bate*. Also on the program: English music and entertainment.

All U.S. correspondents (both OPC members and non-members) who served in London at any time are cordially invited to the Reunion. Dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m., preceded by cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are required. The price: \$4.00.

John MacVane is chairman of the London Reunion, assisted by *Gordon Fraser*, *Charles Gillette*, *Hal Lavine*, *Joe Willicombe* and *Ed Cunningham*.

DINNER RESERVATIONS NOW!

A mounting flow of paid-up reservations for the Annual Awards Dinner and Dance at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Mar. 28 brought on by announcement of the date and place in the last issue of *The Overseas Press Bulletin*, prompts the Invitations and Reservations Committee to urge all members planning to attend to mail their reservations, with checks, now.

Reservations accompanied by checks made out in the proper amount will be recorded by the committee in order of receipt. This will insure those making reservations early of space in the Grand Ballroom in case the 1959 affair duplicates the sell-out of the previous three years.

Ticket prices, scaled somewhat lower than for previous Annual Dinners, are \$10 for a member, \$15 for a first guest (wife or non-member), and \$30 for additional guests.

Invitations and reservation forms are expected to be in the mail to all members this week.

LUTER, BURT PLAN SERIES

OPC Secretary *John Luter* and TV-radio producer *Hardy Burt* have organized Panel Programs, Inc., to create and produce "low-budget, high quality entertainment shows" for television. The first program in a projected series will be taped early in February.

Titled "Let's Face Television," the series will feature a review each week of an outstanding television show by two well-known TV critics plus a guest representing the show under discussion. Subject of the first review will be the "Jack Paar Show."

Guest emcees will include *George Hamilton Combs*, *Robert Considine* and *Gilbert Seldes*.



At the OPC's Switzerland Night: Hans Baertschi, director of PR, Swiss Nat'l. Tourist Office; Commissioner O'Brien, New York Mayor's Office; Swiss Consul General H.W. Gasser; H. Pillichody, manager of SNTG; and Swiss Consul J.J. Huber. (See story below.)

BRANDT TO SPEAK FEB. 11

Mayor Willy Brandt of Berlin will make his first public address after conferring with President Eisenhower on the Berlin crisis at a Research Institute of America luncheon on Feb. 11 at the Hotel Astor.

Leo Cherne, RIA executive director, has announced a below cost price of \$10.00 for tickets for OPC members. The special tickets are limited and will be issued to OPCers on a first-come first-served basis. The regular price is \$12.50 and RIA's member business concerns are limited to two tickets each.

Brandt will address 2,000 of the nation's business and community leaders at the luncheon, which is at 12:30 p.m. This is Brandt's only public speech in the New York area.

Representatives of the press on the dais will include C.D. Jackson, vice president of Time Inc., DeWitt Wallace, editor of the *Reader's Digest*; Howard Brundage, president of the *N.Y. Herald Tribune*; and Roy W. Howard, editor and president of the *N.Y. World-Telegram & Sun*.

Reservations for the luncheon can be made with *Julia Edwards*, Research Institute of America, 589 Fifth Ave., PLaza 5-8900.

NEW "DEADLINERS"

Initiated into the Deadline Club, the New York City chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, the professional journalism fraternity, on Jan. 20 were:

Richard F. Dempewolf, *Popular Mechanics*; *Otho De Vilbiss*, *Elks* magazine; *Wilson Hall*, NBC; *Ernest V. Heyn*, *American Weekly*; *Larry Lowenstein*, CBS; *Woodrow Wirsig*, *Printer's Ink*; and *Frederick L. Yates, Jr.*, *Newsmaker Productions*.

Cowbell Feature Jan. 20

The problem of how to move OPC members from cocktails on one floor to dinner in the dining room - on another floor - before the soup gets cold was solved by means of a gift to the OPC on Jan. 20.

The present was a sturdy, traditional Swiss cowbell, with a ring designed to arouse even the most intense pre-dinner conversationalists and speed them on to their meal. The occasion was the Regional Dinner Committee's Switzerland Night, and the inspired donor was the Swiss National Tourist Office, whose manager, *Henry Pillichody*, made the presentation to OPC Vice President *Inez Robb*.

The dinner, arranged by *Myra Waldo*, vice chairman of the Committee, in conjunction with Swissair and Swiss tourist officials, included canapes from the Swissair kitchen, and a number of items flown from Switzerland for the occasion: smoked Rhine salmon, Zoug Kirsch cake, *Pfluemliwasser* (plum brandy), and both white and red dinner wines. The entree was *Veal Saute*, Lugano style.

The program, coordinated by *DeWitt Davidson*, included entertainment by the *Smeed Trio*, top Swiss entertainers. Colorful flags of Swiss cantons decorated the building.

Winners of principal door prizes were *Albert Stevens Crockett* (a *Hermes Rocket* portable typewriter), and *Norma Babcock* (an *Ernest Borel* Watch from The Watchmakers of Switzerland). A week's stay at hotels in Gstaad (no transportation provided) was awarded to fifteen lucky diners, and there were favors of *Tobler chocolate* and handkerchiefs for every guest.

Guests of honor included Consul General H.W. Gasser, Consul J.J. Huber, and Dr. *Hugo Mayr*, Swissair's general manager for North America.

GROUP ILLNESS, ACCIDENT INSURANCE AVAILABLE TO OPCers

(The Overseas Press Bulletin presents for benefit of OPCers the following information on group insurance now available to members, provided the necessary number join the plan. The article was prepared by Board member Miss Schultz at the request of the Board of Governors.)

by Sigrid Schultz

Many of our overseas colleagues have complained that they lack the kind of health or accident insurance that would give them and their families sound protection at a reasonable price. So have a number of OPC members who are scattered in various parts of the U.S.

Though a number of insurance experts hold that correspondents are swash-buckling characters who live too dangerously to be good insurance risks, we have secured offers from three different organizations which are willing to give us three varieties of insurance protection on a world-wide basis. They can be of great use to us, provided enough of us join one or more plans to secure the advantages of a "group insurance."

This is what we have been offered:

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD provide hospitalization insurance and medical service in hospitals. According to the Hospital Service of the State of New York, Blue Cross provides the "greatest protection to the entire community at lowest possible cost for comprehensive quality care." Blue Shield is endorsed by the Medical Society of New York.

Whereas many insurances set an age limit for their subscribers, Blue Cross and Blue Shield continues its service even if the subscriber has passed the age of 69 or 70. Should the insured for some reason or other leave the group, he or she can transfer to another group or take up an individual insurance. But the benefits granted to the insured are bigger when he comes in as part of a group. In this case he need not pass a medical examination or fill out a questionnaire. Previous illness is no bar to group enrollment. Family contracts have maternity benefits not available to non-group members. Groups enjoy expanded Blue Shield Surgical-Medical benefits.

Blue Cross provides hospital service in semi-private accommodations, paying \$10 per day for twenty-one days and \$5 a day for the next 180 days toward the cost of the room, board and general nursing care. What is most important from the financial viewpoint (according to doctors I interviewed) is that Blue Cross provides special services while in hospital which often run very high. These include: use of operating room, laboratory examinations, drugs and medicines

for use in hospital, oxygen and its administration, anesthesia, dressings, plaster casts, basal metabolism examinations, radiation therapy for malignant conditions, etc.

The subscriber may use his own doctor; if the latter's fee is higher than that of the doctors enrolled in Blue Shield, the subscriber will receive the Blue Shield allowance as a credit toward his physician's charges. If the patient desires a private room, he will be credited with the allowance for semi-private accommodations and pay the difference in price.

In our special case, Blue Shield and Blue Cross would provide benefits anywhere in the world on the basis of the New York schedule. The American Hospital in Paris is associated with Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Special provisions are made for maternity cases, communicable diseases, mental or nervous disorders, emergency first aid within twenty-four hours after accidental injury, etc.

The Office of the OPC will be glad to mail the full, detailed list of benefits to be allotted to the insured to anyone asking for them.

The charges are comparatively low. For Blue Cross and Blue Shield combined, they amount to:

\$ 3.77 per month for a single person,

\$10.14 per month for a couple,

\$11.54 per month for a family.

Realizing that many of our colleagues are enrolled in Blue Cross and similar insurances through the firms that employ them, Blue Cross and Blue Shield would allow us a group status if sufficient number of our members who have no insurance would join the group. It would also be of advantage for our members who have a "direct payment" agreement with Blue Cross to join our group, since the benefits provided for under the group plan are bigger than those granted on an individual basis.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield, being non-profit making organizations, will not carry out a direct campaign to solicit members in our ranks. This would have to be done by the Club and by our fellow-members who are interested in securing the advantages of the group insurance. The premiums would have to be collected by the Club and turned over to Blue Cross and Blue Shield in a single check.

MUTUAL OF OMAHA offers us their insurance plan, provided twenty-five members join it. Its offer runs until Mar. 1, but could be extended for a short while if this seems necessary.

Its policy provides for payments to the insured who, because of accident or

illness, cannot carry on gainful employment. Mutual would carry on its own promotion campaign, after consultation with the Club officers, collect its own premiums and be in direct touch with the insured.

The insured can sign up for plans calling for a monthly financial cushion of \$100.00, or \$200.00, or \$300.00 or \$400.00.

This is the schedule of rates for the four plans:

Pays month-ly	Prin-cipal sum	Annual Premiums		
		Age 18 to 49	Age 50 to 59	Age 60 to 69
\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$39.00	\$44.60	\$55.40
\$200.00	\$1,000.00	\$76.50	\$87.70	\$109.30
\$300.00	\$1,000.00	\$114.00	\$130.80	\$163.20
\$400.00	\$1,000.00	\$151.50	\$173.90	\$217.10

The "principal sum" would be paid for death or total disability. By paying \$1.50 per M. this sum can be increased to \$10,000.

The monthly benefits will be paid up to five years beginning on the eighth day of total disability or first day of hospitalization. In no case will sickness benefits be paid beyond the insured's 72nd birthday. Accidental bodily injury calls for payment of the monthly benefit beginning on the first day of total disability up to lifetime. For partial disability due to accidental bodily injury, one half of the monthly benefits will be paid up to three months. There are also rates for non-disabling injuries amounting to a part of the monthly benefit, etc.

Mutual of Omaha has an optional Hospitalization Plan and an optional Surgical Insurance. The Hospitalization plan would cost an additional annual \$18. and provide \$10. per day in hospital for 365 days, \$50. miscellaneous expense and \$10. for ambulance. Surgical Insurance would cost an additional yearly \$11.30 and pay for surgery up to \$300. No such optional insurance could be secured for members of the family of the insured.

The advantage of the Mutual of Omaha Plan, which is also on a world-wide basis, is that you can collect cash if your illness does not call for hospitalization. The plan specifies that the Company has "the right to refuse to renew the individual member's policy," when the insured "leaves the practice of his profession or occupation" and when he ceases to be a member of the association, i.e. in this case the OPC, and when he attains the age of 70 years.

For members of the OPC who want "catastrophe" insurance, Mr. Carl J. Lundgren offers a **MAJOR MEDICAL EXPENSES INSURANCE**. Mr. Lundgren provided the Club's first insurance plan

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GROUP INSURANCE (Cont'd from p.4.) which lapsed because too few members subscribed to it.

Under provisions of his new plan, the insured would have to pay for his or her own illnesses up to \$500, and the Insurance Company would pay up to \$10,000 for hospital, doctor, surgeon, nurses, etc.

The premium would be based on the age of the insured. Up to the age of 40 he would pay an annual \$16, or if he wants to insure his family he would pay an annual \$54. The premium for the 60-69 year old class and his family would be \$170. For members up to the age of 59 who have no health insurance to defray the initial \$500, Mr. Lundgren's company will consider applications for a coverage that will pay \$10. per hospital room and board for 365 days a year, plus \$100. miscellaneous hospital expenses. The additional premium for this would be \$28.90 for a man, \$37.50 for a woman and \$120. for a family.

This offer stands only if 400 members of the Club apply for this insurance and can pass the medical tests.

In comparing the three offers we have outlined, we can secure what seems a fair measure of protection for our members through Blue Cross-Blue Shield and Mutual of Omaha if enough members subscribe to either plan. Only if they do can we count on the group benefits. Quite a number of our members, including headliners in Cairo, Moscow, London, Paris, etc., as well as members scattered throughout the U.S., are eager to secure insurance protection. If you are interested, please fill out enclosed form to enable us to go ahead!

FIFTH ANNUAL SKI MEET SET FOR POLAND MAR. 21

Agence France Presse won the group cup at the "warm-up" session of the Journalists Ski Club, held this year at Chatel, French Alps, and its twin village across the border at Morgins, Switzerland. American, Swiss and French newsmen participated.

Americans attending were: *Angus Deming*, UPI; *Arthur Erikson*, McGraw-Hill World News; *Robert Kleiman*, U.S. News & World Report; *Lowell Bennett*, U.S. Embassy press attache, and your correspondent, AFP. British and West German press attaches also attended.

Individual winners were *Louis Dalmas*, of Agence Dalmas, for men, and *Arlette Gaillet*, *Marie-Claire* magazine, both French.

The "warm-up" was a curtain-raiser to the Fifth Annual International Ski Encounter for Journalists, which will be held this season at Zakopane, Poland, from Mar. 21 through 24.

Previous meetings have been held at Meribel, France; Ste. Croix-les-Rasses, Switzerland; Kranska Gora, Yugoslavia; and Bayrischzell, West Germany.

PEOPLE & PLACES

Lawrence Christopher, bureau news manager in New York for *Broadcasting* magazine, promoted to senior editor, Washington, D.C. headquarters...*Roberto Esquenazi-Mayo* awarded gold plaque by the Ateneo Cubano of New York for distinguished journalistic service in cause of Cuban freedom...Adelphi College will confer honorary doctor of humane letters degree on *Eugene J. Taylor* of N.Y. Times...*S. Ralph Cohen*, PR for Int'l. Air Transport Ass'n., back from visit to remote Khatmandu, Nepal, with *Wayne Parrish* of American Aviation Publications.

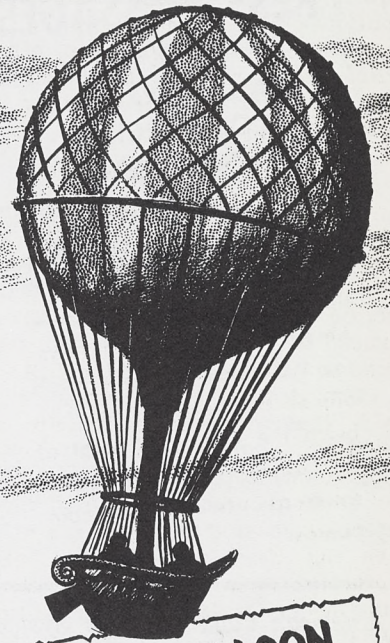
Elizabeth Fagg Olds authored article in February *Reader's Digest* titled, "With a Barnful of Students and a Countryful of Faith."...*Robert H. Lochner*, director of European operations for VOA in Washington, became father for fourth time, a girl, making three daughters and one son...*Bob Eckhouse*, who heads his own PR firm, has been elected to the Executive Ass'n. of Greater New York...*Robert Conway*, N.Y. *Daily News*, discussed the Marie Torre case on a CBS TV panel program Jan. 10...*Lillian G. Genn* starting new series on family problems for NANA...*Helen Waterhouse* back in Akron after covering missile tests at Cape Canaveral.

Sanford Socolow reassigned to the *Douglas Edwards* daily news show, CBS...*Richard Thomas* returning to New York after trip to Finland, Soviet Union, Poland, East Germany and East Berlin.

George F. Pierrot elected vice president of the Circumnavigators Club at annual meeting in New York this month...*Pat Frank* to Martinique next month for story material; his new novel, *Alas, Babylon*, to be published in March - condensation in *Good Housekeeping*...*Arthur Gaeth* now radio commentator for station KMYR in Denver...*Murray Young*, WJBK-TV Newsreel, Detroit, received Detroit Police Officers Ass'n. 4th annual TV Award for 1957-58: "First Place - Photographic Division, in recognition of outstanding contribution through television work to the better public understanding of the police profession and police problems."...When Hearst's *Serge Fliegers* was on the set to watch the filming of "Solomon and Sheba" in Madrid he interviewed *Yul Brynner* in Russian, *Gina Lollobrigida* in Italian and *Marisa Pavan* in French...*Dan James* has article on attempt of Central American countries to integrate their economies in February *Reader's Digest*.

The get-togethers are informal encounters among foreign correspondents and other journalists aimed at better understanding. Some 200 newsmen from twenty countries are expected this year, including the biggest group of U.S. correspondents ever entered. *Bernard S. Redmont*

Air Facts



2 MEN, 1 BALLOON AND NO PANTS!

ON A WINTER AFTERNOON IN 1785, JEAN PIERRE BLANCHARD AND DR. JOHN JEFFRIES SET OUT ON HISTORY'S FIRST FLIGHT OVER THE ENGLISH CHANNEL. HALFWAY ACROSS, THEIR BALLOON BEGAN LOSING ALTITUDE. TO LIGHTEN THE LOAD, THEY THREW EVERYTHING OVERBOARD—EVEN SOME OF THEIR CLOTHING. TWO HOURS AFTER LEAVING ENGLAND THEY ARRIVED IN FRANCE—WITH A NEW WORLD'S RECORD...AND NO PANTS!



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MATTHEWS (Continued from page 1.)

ance." Matthews said that the American people deserve "the truth, but the *whole* truth," and not just tallies of how many executed today.

Batista's corrupt government and practices of torture and murder were "as horrible as anything that ever went on in Latin America," Matthews said. Five to ten youths a day were taken into the Havana morgue alone, with evidences of torture, by the Batista government. The rebel government sets the figure of peoples tortured and killed by Batista at 20,000, and yet only about 200 have been executed by Castro, Matthews said. He pointed out that the American press reported none of Batista's murders. And now Cuba "has real freedom of the press," and Matthews said he has "heard of no miscarriage of justice in the executions."

Matthews said that those persons who know Cuba have been surprised that there *were* no bloodbaths and rioting following the success of the revolution.

When questioned as to whether he thought the press coverage of the executions might have been more favorable had the Castro government waited before trying and executing the Batista officers, Matthews mentioned the trial at present of two Nazis. Although their testimonies of crimes during World War II are shocking, the men are getting mild treatment compared to what they deserved and what they would have received had their trials been held earlier, Matthews said.

Matthews discussed various actions of the new Cuban government for the bettering of the nation which have not received proper coverage.

The program was arranged by the Luncheon Committee under the chairmanship of *Kathleen McLaughlin*.

An evening program the same day heard discussions of the Cuban revolution by *Luis Baralt*, a member of Castro's "26th of July" movement; *Dickey Chapelle*, in Cuba for *Reader's Digest*; *Clarence Moore*, *Times* of Havana; *Bill Ryan*, in Cuba for AP; and *Jorge A. Losada*, *Vision*. *Ruth Lloyd*, scheduled to speak, was sent back to Cuba for further coverage by WNEW.

THE BOARD

At its meeting on Jan. 22, the Board of Governors appointed the following to the 1959 Nominating Committee:

N.F. Allman, Chairman; *Harrison Salisbury*, *Wayne Richardson*, *Pauline Frederick*, *Bill Brooks*, *Burnet Hershey*, and *Paul Grimes*.

Don Bolles was named chairman of the Election Committee.

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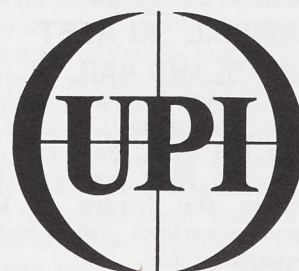
center for teaching; a center from which intelligence and intellectual stimulation will freely flow for the benefit of journalism of today and of the future."

The committee set the goal at \$300,000, contingent upon the engineering reports which still are not completed. It recommended that a committee of prominent persons be formed to carry out such a drive.

Gifts will be sought from the entire membership, plus a special gift category to include foundations, corporations and special groups. *Harold Oram*, a fund-raising specialist, provided special advice on this section.

Preliminary studies of the actual construction work necessary are being carried out by the *Lapidus Morris* firm with the help of *Jerry Edelberg* and *John Wilhelm*. They have already made a survey of existing facilities.

The Board accepted the report with thanks, and the work of the committee was considered terminated at this stage. Members of the committee were: *Dick Anderson*, *Lew Bowen*, *Nat Caine*, *Bob Conway*, *Dick De Rochemont*, *Jerry Edelberg*, *Bill Foster*, *Ben Grauer*, *Dick Hartwell*, *Howard Kany*, *Chuck Kline*, *Larry LeSueur*, *Harold Oram*, *Will Oursler*, *Gerry Schroder*, *Frank C. Wachsmith* and *John Wilhelm*.

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the Ford Foundation designed to give
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U.S. scene. The Foundation described
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Some of the organizations represented
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Tidende, Copenhagen; La Monde; Der
Spiegel, Hamburg; German Radio; Main-
ichi; Neue Zuercher Zeitung; Daily
Telegraph; Expressen, Stockholm; Borba
of Belgrade; Kyodo News Service, Japan.
(See Calendar.)

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Henri J. Lesieur, general manager of
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Division of Air France, was awarded the
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in the field of commercial aviation on
the North American continent.

The announcement was made by the
General Secretary of Commercial and
Civil Aviation of the French Ministry
of Transport and Public Works.

NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman of the Admissions Com-
mittee announces the election to member-
ship of the following candidates:

ACTIVE

Julius W. Cohn - Fairchild Publications,
London.

William A. Corley - NBC.

John H. Crider - Committee for Economic
Development.

Thomas A. Dozier - Time Inc.

Robert Fleisher - Ruder & Finn Int'l.

Robert B. Hewett - Minneapolis Star &
Tribune, Beirut.

Frederick L. Hier - Int'l Rescue Com-
mittee, Geneva.

James F. King - AP, New York

Seth King - N.Y. Times, Jerusalem.

Wilbur G. Landrey - UPI.

Angelo Natale - AP, Moscow.

Irwin Robinson - Travel Weekly.

William R. Sparks - Kinran, Ltd.

ASSOCIATE

Betty Adams - WJAR-TV Providence, R.I.

Raymond J. Brady - Forbes magazine.

Lafe F. Allen - American Embassy, Rio
de Janeiro.

Richard V. Cornish - N.Y. Daily News.

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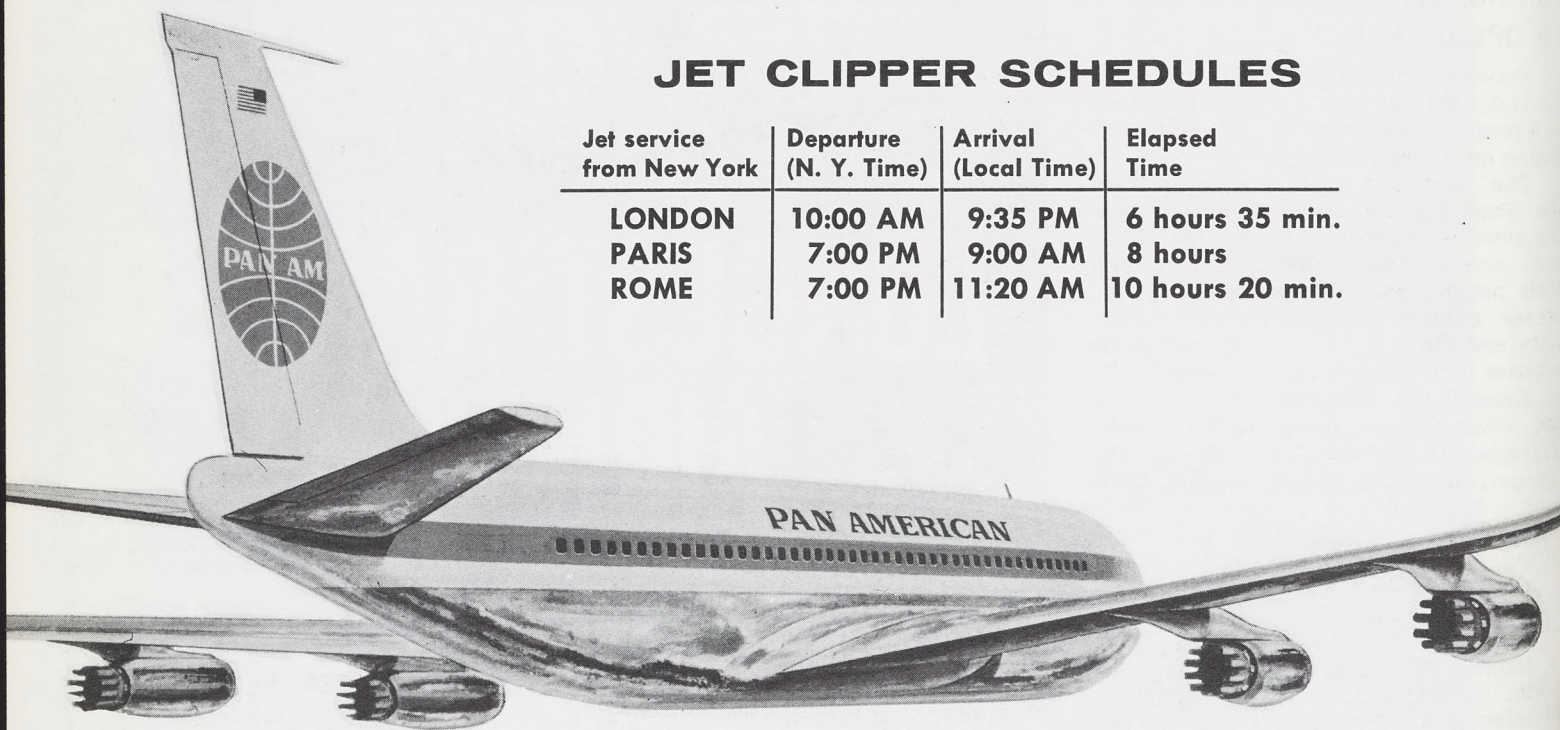
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